(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has taken up major research programmes for preservation of crops and fruits in different ICAR Institutes and through All India Coordinated Research Projects operating in the State Agricultural Universities with the following objectives :—

1. To develop improved techniques for handling, storage, packaging, transportation and processing to improve shelf life of the fruits ; and

2. To develop low cost techniques to minimise harvest and post-harvest losses and production of value added products from cereals, pulses and oilseed crops.

Refund of Money Deposited with HUDA

1361. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gurgaon, comes within the National Capital Region Plan and thousands of Delhites apply for plots sought to be sold by HUDA ;

(b) whether crores of rupees of residents of Delhi had been deposited with HUDA for the draw held last month ;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to take with Haryana Government the matter of refund of money of unsuccessful depositors so that the money is received by them at an early date ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) to (d) Gurgaon comes within the National Capital Region. The refund of earnest money wherever due is the responsibility of the Government of Haryana/HUDA.

Lapses in supplies of controlled cloth to the State of Sikkim by NCCF

1362. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA ;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that although lapses by some officers of NCCF have been established in supplying 1800 bales of controlled cloth to the State of Sikkim as against its normal quota of 48 bales, no disciplinary action has been taken against them by NCCF ; and

(b) if so, what disciplinary action Government propose to take against each NCCF officials and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). The case was investigated by the CBI which did not find involvement of any officer of NCCF in the irregularities. However NCCF have initiated minor penalty proceedings against one Assistant Manager.